

## The State of New Hampshire

## Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner

## LETTER OF DEFICIENCY WET 05-58

December 21, 2005

Douglas D Fournier Po Box 297 Goshen, NH 03752

RE: DES Wetlands File #2005-02727 Gilman Pond Rd, Unity

Dear Mr. Fournier:

On November 23, 2005, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above referenced property, more specifically referenced on Town of Unity Tax Map 12 as Lot 101 (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A and NH Code of Admin. Rules Wt 100-800.

During the inspection the following deficiencies were documented:

1. An area of jurisdictional wetland, had been rutted by machinery.

A subsequent review of DES records revealed that this wetland was subject to enforcement action under Wetlands Bureau file # 2004-2271. DES requested that you voluntarily restore and stabilize the site to resolve the violation. The restoration work was completed and the file closed on January 7, 2005.

In response, you are requested to take the following actions:

- 1. Within 30 days of receipt of this Letter of Deficiency, submit a restoration plan to DES for review and approval. Have the restoration plan prepared by a certified wetland scientist, and include provisions for (here include what you are requesting the recipient of this Letter of Deficiency to do) on the Property. Submit the following with the restoration plan:
  - a. A plan with dimensions, drawn to scale, showing:
    - 1. Existing conditions, with wetland boundaries; and
    - 2. Proposed conditions after reestablishing the jurisdictional areas;
  - b. A detailed description of the proposed means of erosion control (silt fence, hay bales, etc) and stabilization of the restoration area;

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- c. A detailed description of the proposed planting plan for the stabilization and revegetation of the restoration area and control of invasive species such as purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria) and common reed (Phragmites australis);
- d. A description of the proposed construction sequence and methods for accomplishing restoration and anticipated restoration compliance date.
- e. A description of the method of documenting at least 75% survival of all vegetation planted during the restoration project. This should include at a minimum monitoring progress reports for one successive growing season following completion of the restoration project.
- 2. Retain a qualified wetland scientist to supervise the implementation of the restoration plan and to submit the restoration progress reports.
- 3. Implement the restoration plan only after receiving written approval and as conditioned by DES.

RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging, filling, or construction in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit. If work is done without a permit, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

DES personnel may conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into and are maintaining full compliance with the applicable statute and rules.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

Dawn Buker, Compliance Specialist Wetlands Bureau Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or wish to arrange a meeting, please contact Dawn Buker at (603) 271-4066.

Sincerely,

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Administrator Wetlands Bureau

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